

ORDER NO. 13 491

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

OREGON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY,

Request for Waiver of OAR 860-039-0010.

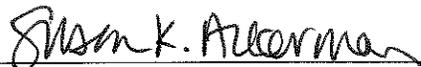
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**DISPOSITION: WAIVER GRANTED**

This order memorializes our decision, made and effective at the public meeting on December 19, 2013, to grant the Oregon Institute of Technology's (OIT) request for a waiver of OAR 860-039-0010(2).

We base our decision solely by examining the financial impact on Pacific Power and its ratepayers. Although granting the waiver will increase net metering costs of the utility, we find that not granting the waiver will likely result in greater harm to Pacific Power and its ratepayers. If OIT does not receive the waiver, it confirmed that it has a viable alternative service configuration it would pursue to enable it to serve most of its load on-site. This reduction in load would cause Pacific Power to lose approximately \$208,000 in annually revenue—a portion of which is used to pay Pacific Power's fixed system costs that would need to be recovered from other customers. Due to this potential harm, we find good cause exists to grant OIT's waiver request.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of Dec., 2013, at Salem, Oregon.

  
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**Susan K. Ackerman**  
Chair

  
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**John Savage**  
Commissioner



**Commissioner Bloom concurring:**

I agree with the majority's decision to grant OIT's waiver of OAR 860-039-0010(2), but also rely on the unique public interest factors presented. OIT has been designated by the Oregon Legislature as the Oregon Renewable Energy Center, and is a national leader in developing and demonstrating renewable energy technologies. It requires this waiver due to the electrical configuration of its existing and new renewable generating facilities. Granting the waiver will benefit ratepayers and the public generally by allowing OIT to fulfill its commitment to becoming the only carbon free independent university in the nation, and to help it attract high quality students and faculty researchers dedicated to renewable sciences. Based on these factors, as well as the financial considerations cited by the majority, I find good cause exists to grant the waiver.



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**Stephen M. Bloom**  
Commissioner

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order under ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements in OAR 860-001-0720. A copy of the request must also be served on each party to the proceedings as provided in OAR 860-001-0180(2). A party may appeal this order by filing a petition for review with the Court of Appeals in compliance with ORS 183.480 through 183.484.